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CAST REPORT

<u>Character</u>	<u>Total Dialogues</u>
MOLLY	36
OLLIE	23
SCRATCH	22
ANDREA	14
RUBEN	9
ENTREPRENEUR	4
MRS. DAVENPORT	3
ESTHER	3
MR. DAVENPORT	2
JUNE	1
NASHUA	1
LEMONADE GIRL	1
MIDDLE WOLF	1

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ON A TV: A WOLF'S DEN LOGO fades to an ENTREPRENEUR IN A SUIT
soaking in a SUDSY BATH. He holds a PAPERBACK NOVEL.

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1 ENTREPRENEUR

Has THIS happened to you? You're
enjoying a gripping novel in the
bath when--

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The entrepreneur fumbles the book; FREEZE FRAME, then slo-mo
repeats of the book dropping into the bath.

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2 ENTREPRENEUR

(slo-mo)

OHHH NOOOOOO!!!!

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BACK TO NORMAL SPEED -- He holds up a RUBBERY PLASTIC BOOK.

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3 ENTREPRENEUR

That's a problem of the past thanks
to my Rub-A-Dub-Tub-Tomes!

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THREE INVESTOR "WOLVES" watch from chairs.

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4 ENTREPRENEUR

Now which one of you wolves is
ready to take a bite out of this
opportunity?

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INT. CHEN HOME - GARAGE - DAY

MOLLY and OLLIE are on the edge of their seats watching
WOLF'S DEN (our version of *Shark Tank*) on TV.

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5 OLLIE

This is outstanding structured
reality programming.

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6 MOLLY

Scratch! You're missing *Wolf's Den*
Wednesday!

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Nearby, SCRATCH is going through the LUNCHBOX from ep 301.

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7 SCRATCH

You kids go nuts. I'm a little TV'd
out after that last curse.

He inspects the lunch box's LABEL, which reads "William's."

8 **SCRATCH** (CONT'D)
 I'm still processing this time
 capsule.
 (musing)
 Can you believe my name was
William? William. William... Blech!
 It's so old fashioned.

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Scratch PUFFS OUT A MEDIEVAL RUFF and holds up a QUILL.

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9 **MOLLY**
 Or it's a timeless classic! I mean,
 just looking at you makes me want
 to **curtsy**!
 (she **curtsies**)
 But if you don't feel like a
William, go with a nickname!

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10 **SCRATCH**
 A nickname! Hmmm....

The *WOLF'S DEN* THEME MUSIC gets Molly's attention.

11 **OLLIE**
 The wolves are about to decide!

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Molly and Ollie hold hands and their breath.

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ON TV: The three Wolves scrutinize the Entrepreneur.

12 **MIDDLE WOLF**
 This is **one** investment we can *sink*
our teeth into. We're in!

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BACK TO SCENE: Ollie <SNIFFLES>, and Molly notices he has tears in his eyes.

13 **MOLLY**
 Awww, it's okay! I get emotional
 seeing people turn their passions
 into careers, too.

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14 **OLLIE**
 No, it's not that.

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Ollie gets up and paces, wringing his hands.

15 **OLLIE** (CONT'D)
 I didn't want to ruin *Wolf's Den*
 Wednesday, but I have something big
 to tell you. There's no easy way to
 say this, **but--**

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The door **pops** open and RUBEN sticks his head in.

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16 **RUBEN**
Did you tell Molly we're moving
yet? *

17 **OLLIE / MOLLY**
DAD! / WHAT?! *

18 **RUBEN**
...Oh jeez. Total uncool Dad
move... Sorry. *

19 **MOLLY**
You're MOVING???

20 **OLLIE**
Since we're no longer ghost
hunters, we had to shut down our
MeTube channel.

ESTHER and JUNE enter, carrying MOVING BOXES.

21 **ESTHER**
Which means we need money. *

22 **JUNE**
Which means we're moving back to
Florida. *

23 **RUBEN**
So we can work at my parents'
rubber glove factory. *

24 **ESTHER**
They say factory manager is going
to fit Ruben like a glove. *

25 **RUBEN**
But it won't! I have a latex
allergy, Dad! *

Esther cracks open a CASE OF RUBEN'S ROOT BEER and hands
Molly, Ollie, and Scratch a bottle. *

26 **ESTHER**
We can't pack perishables, so drink
up. *

As Ruben, June, and Esther file out, Molly, Scratch, and
Ollie sip their root beer sadly for a beat. *

27 **MOLLY**
But what about us...? We've only
been officially dating for forty-
nine and-- *

28 **OLLIE**

Three-quarter days. I know.

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They all sip again. A BEAT, then...

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29 **SCRATCH**

Ok, I know we're having a somber moment, but MAN this root beer! The bubbles dance on your tongue!
(sticks out tongue)
Thee! Danthing!

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Molly's eyes light up.

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30 **MOLLY**

Wait. What if we turned your Dad's root beer into a thriving business??

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31 **OLLIE**

Then my family could stay in Brighton!

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Scratch points to himself.

32 **SCRATCH**

Where there's a Will, there's a way!

(then)

I'm thinking of going by Will. How do we feel about that? **Chill Will.**
It's a vibe, right?

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33 **MOLLY**

Yooo Will!--

34 **SCRATCH**

Nope, I hate it! Never call me that again!

EXT. TOP OF A HILL - LATER

Molly and Ollie unveil a ROOT BEER CART with a "RUBEN'S ROOT BEER" SIGN as Scratch watches.

35 **MOLLY**

Like they say on *Wolf's Den*, the most important factor in a new business's success, is--

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36 **OLLIE**

Location, location, and, um...
(thinks) location!

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37 **MOLLY**
Right! Here, our elevation gives us
 a bird's-eye view of our customer
 base--

As she speaks, the cart rolls down the hill behind them. It catches Ollie's shirt and drags him down the hill.

38 **OLLIE**
 (fading into distance)
MOLLYYYYYYY!

Molly <YELPS!> then takes off after him.

EXT. DAVENPORT'S DEPARTMENT STORE - LATER

The root beer cart is on the sidewalk in front of the EMPTY DAVENPORT'S STOREFRONT with a big CLOSED SIGN. Scratch adjusts a NAME TAG THAT SAYS "BILL" on his chest.

39 **SCRATCH**
What about Bill? Simple. Clean.
 (then, to himself)
But maybe too simple... Where's the whimsy?

40 **MOLLY**
 Try Billy. Full of whimsy!

Molly draws a "Y" onto his ghostly name tag for him.

41 **MOLLY (CONT'D)**
 Davenport's had the best spot on
 Main Street. And since they're not
 using it anymore, we might as well.

Ollie taps her shoulder, nervous.

42 **OLLIE**
 Uhhh, Molly?

REVEAL LEMONADE GIRL -- a furious middle schooler (REUSE from ep 134) glaring at them from her nearby LEMONADE STAND.

43 **LEMONADE GIRL**
 The last person who tried to muscle
 in on my turf was the pretzel boy.

44 **OLLIE**
 I don't see a pretzel bo--

REVEAL: A BOY TWISTED INTO A PRETZEL beside a PRETZEL CART. Molly, Ollie, and Scratch back away.

45 **MOLLY/OLLIE/SCRATCH**
 Nice and slow. / Don't look her in
 the eyes. / I'm invisible, and I'm
 still scared!

EXT. BRIGHTON PARK - LATER

The root beer cart is under a tree.

46 **MOLLY**
 Main Street is overrated! The park
 is the ideal place to enjoy a root
 beer! Calm, safe, peaceful--*

A PACK OF RACCOONS attacks them!

47 **MOLLY/OLLIE/SCRATCH**
 AHHH!!!

Scratch knocks Molly and Ollie aside, dragging the cart.*

48 **SCRATCH**
 SAVE THE ROOT BEER!

They drag the cart away, pursued by raccoons. A bottle falls off the cart, a raccoon drinks it and <ADORABLY BURPS>.

EXT. CHEN HOME - GARAGE - LATER

A disheveled Molly, Ollie, and Scratch stand beside the root beer cart, which is now outside the Chens' garage.

49 **MOLLY**
 THIS is the perfect location! No
 hills, no competition, no raccoons!

50 **OLLIE**
 And no customers...*

A lonely PLASTIC BAG blows down the deserted street.*

51 **MOLLY**
 Okay, so maybe the location isn't
 so great, but the secret weapon to
 any business **is--***

52 **SCRATCH**
 Tacos!*

53 **MOLLY**
 No, Scratch. Marketing!*

54 **SCRATCH**
I feel like I was close.

55 **MOLLY**
You weren't. But lucky for us, we
know the Queen of Social Media!

EXT. CHEN HOME - GARAGE - LATER

ANDREA stands in front of the root beer cart.

56 **ANDREA**
I'm SO glad you called.

She throws her arms around Molly in a dramatic hug.

57 **ANDREA** (CONT'D)
Your friend is moving away? That
must be DEVASTATING for you!

58 **MOLLY**
Actually, he's my boyfriend, but
thanks for coming! We could really
use your help--

Andrea grabs Ollie and dramatically puts her face close to his. As she speaks, her EMOTION BUILDS.

59 **ANDREA**
And you! It's heart-breaking to
spend your entire life in Brighton--

60 **OLLIE**
My family moved here this year--

61 **ANDREA**
--Only to have to leave the only
true friends you've ever had--

Andrea looks away, monologuing into the distance. Molly and Ollie look at each other -- *What's she talking about?*

62 **ANDREA** (CONT'D)
--And you can't even bring your
pony because the new place doesn't
have "adequate barn space!"

63 **OLLIE**
I don't have a pony but... thank
you?

Andrea **wells with TEARS** as she squeezes Molly and Ollie into an awkward hug...

64 **ANDREA**
But you can count on Andrea!

...Then shakes it off, putting on her game face. *

65 **ANDREA** (CONT'D)
I'll do whatever I can to stop this
tragedy! *

She pulls out her phone and turns on the charm. UPBEAT MUSIC kicks in as she films herself.

66 **ANDREA** (CONT'D)
Hey Fawn-dreas! Get your cutie
booties over to Ruben's Root Beer
Cart ASAP! *

She pops the cap off a bottle, takes a sip, and does a wink. *

67 **ANDREA** (CONT'D)
Ahhh! Tastes like summer in your
childhood home! Which, if you don't
hurry, someone very important could
lose.

68 **OLLIE**
To be clear, we only moved here a
few months ago...

69 **ANDREA**
(ignoring him)
Get here quick and use promo code
"Fawn-drea" to get 10% off!

Scratch floats over, rubbing his chin thoughtfully.

70 **SCRATCH**
I love how Andrea's turned her name
into an iconic brand. Think I could
be Willie the Kid?

71 **MOLLY**
If anyone can pull it off, it's
you.

NASHUA arrives at the root beer cart. *

72 **NASHUA**
I'll have one root beer, please!

73 **OLLIE**
Wow, that was fast!

Ollie hands Nashua a root beer as we go to--

SONGBURST: EVERYBODY IS ROOT-ROOT-ROOTING FOR YOU. An UPBEAT SONG over a "YOU WILL BE FOUND" (from Dear Evan Hanson)-esque sequence about the root beer cart going viral:

-- Nashua dons a BIB and taste tests the root beer with a TASTING SPOON. He smacks his lips and posts a 5-star review on the BRIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL BUGLE WEBSITE!

-- O'CONNOR takes one sip of root beer. His eyes go wide, and he grabs five more bottles! He posts, "TWO TONGUES UP!" on his blog, THE SODA SOMMELIER.

-- QUICK CUTS of VARIOUS BRIGHTONIANS (including MAYOR BRUNSON, MS. ROOP, PAM, SHEELA, KAT, PATTY, and BOBBY DANIELS) lining up around the block.

-- Scratch says he's "Wills" from here on out! He appears in a SWEATER VEST, combs his cutie bit into a comb-over, and uses a British accent.

-- Molly and Ollie pull in Ruben to brew more root beer -- he's shocked, then thrilled at the long line! *

-- Ruben brews as fast as he can, his hands a BLUR, while Pete, MOM, Esther, and June put caps and labels on bottles like a factory line. *

-- Scratch has found the name for him: Liam! He appears in a LEATHER JACKET and SUNGLASSES -- a bad boy!

-- DARRYL sells bottles of root beer out of a trench coat at inflated prices.

-- LIBBY and her TURTLES go door-to-door handing out FLYERS. *

-- In the SUPERMARKET, Andrea moves the YIM-YUMS CARDBOARD CUTOUT out of the way to make room for a CARDBOARD CUTOUT of herself drinking root beer. *

-- A LARGE JAR fills up with money! *

-- Scratch tries out versions of William in different languages: Guillermo! Guy! Vilyam? END SONGBURST. *

EXT. CHEN HOME - GARAGE - DAY

Molly lifts the JAR FULL OF CASH above her head, triumphant.

74 MOLLY

We DID it! We proved you can make
money with your passion! *

75 **OLLIE**

And the best part is, this means we
can stay in Brighton!

Ruben looks confused but before he can speak --- SCREECH! A
MOVING VAN pulls up.

76 **SCRATCH**

Hey! Someone else is moving. What
are the odds?

77 **MOLLY**

You must've forgotten to cancel it!
(shouts)
Sorry, movers! Your services are no
longer needed! Go tear some other
kids away from their home!

78 **RUBEN**

Is... that what this was about? Oh
no... A root beer cart is a great
side hustle... but we've got a
mortgage, car payments, that Salami
of the Month Club I can't figure
out how to cancel...

Molly is flustered.

79 **MOLLY**

We can sell more! How much do you
need? I'll break my piggy bank!

She DASHES O.S., then RE-APPEARS with her PIGGYBANK.

80 **MOLLY** (CONT'D)

Sorry, Penny Porker.

She SMASHES it violently on the cart.

81 **MOLLY** (CONT'D)

I've got seventeen dollars, fifty-
three cents, and two baby teeth!
With interest, the Tooth Fairy
probably owes me a lot for those!

Ruben <SIGHS> and shakes his head.

82 **RUBEN**

We'd need a storefront, better
equipment, bulk ingredients... and
we can't afford all that. I'm
sorry, kids.

Molly and Ollie hold each other close.

83 **MOLLY**
So you're really leaving?!

Andrea pops up between Molly and Ollie, tearing them apart. *

84 **ANDREA**
He's not the only one!
(dramatic)
I'm piggybacking on this dramatic
moment to announce: I'm also moving
away from Brighton! *

85 **MOLLY**
WHAT?! *

86 **ANDREA**
All that nice stuff I said about
making a home for yourself here,
only to have to leave... was about
me! I was talking about my pony! *

87 **OLLIE/SCRATCH**
That makes more sense./Should've
seen it earlier, honestly.

88 **MOLLY**
(to Andrea)
But why?? Is this because
Davenport's shut down? *

89 **ANDREA**
Actually, we claimed it as a loss
on our taxes and ended up *making*
money! That's how being rich works! *

90 **OLLIE**
That sounds... wrong. *

91 **ANDREA**
Yeah, poor people think that.
Anyway, the store was the only
thing keeping my family from moving
to our third home on Lake Geneva.
(sigh)
It's my fifth favorite home. *

Molly hardens as she looks between Ollie, Andrea, and Ruben.

92 **MOLLY**
No. I am NOT losing TWO friends in
one day! There has to be a way to
keep everyone I love in Brighton!
Think, Molly, think! *

93 SCRATCH

Come on, Molly. This is when you
shine. You can find a way...

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She thinks super hard -- a vein pops on her forehead. Then,
an idea dawns on her. She smiles a Grinch-y grin.

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94 MOLLY

That's IT!

(dramatic)

Ollie go find your **best** clip-on tie
because we're about to enter... *the*
Wolf's Den! <WOLF HOWL>

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INT. DAVENPORT'S DEPARTMENT STORE - OFFICE - DAY

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HOMEMADE TITLE CARD: *Wolf's Den: Brighton Edition.*

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Molly, Ollie, and Ruben are mid-presentation, *Wolf's Den*
style -- Mr. Davenport and Andrea acting as the Wolves. Ruben
spins a root beer bottle like a bartender and pours a PINT
behind his back, which he hands to Mr. Davenport.

95 RUBEN

Ever want to relax with an ice cold
root-based beverage?

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96 OLLIE

If **only** there was a family-friendly
watering hole where Brightonians of
all stripes could hang out!

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Molly whips out a CRUDELY DRAWN PICTURE OF A ROOT BEER PUB,
with arrows labeling the "customers," "root beer," and
"hedgehog playpen."

97 MOLLY

Introducing Ruben's Root Beer Pub!
It's got delicious root beer!
Satisfied customers! A hedgehog
playpen!

98 RUBEN

What was that last one?

99 MOLLY

(quickly)

I threw it in there, we can discuss
it later.

(then, to Mr. Davenport)

Ruben's Root Beer is more than a
naturally carbonated beverage. It's
a way to bring this town together!

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Mr. Davenport takes a sip of root beer and leans forward, a twinkle in his eye. *

100 **MR. DAVENPORT**
Now THAT'S a tasty root... *

Molly and Ollie hold hands and their breath, hopeful.

101 **MR. DAVENPORT** (CONT'D)
But I hate the food and beverage
sector! The margins are too thin!
I'm out!

Molly, Ollie, and Ruben are crestfallen.

102 **MOLLY**
Our dreams, crushed in the jaws of
a wolf...

SAD VIOLIN MUSIC PLAYS, and Molly shoots Scratch, who is playing a GHOST VIOLIN, a look.

103 **SCRATCH**
What? Wilhelm is a musician!
(then)
I'm going by Wilhelm now.

A 3rd chair spins, *The Voice*-style, to REVEAL MRS. DAVENPORT!

104 **MRS. DAVENPORT**
Well, I'm IN.

105 **SCRATCH**
I had NO idea she was sitting
there!

Scratch cues DRAMATIC MUSIC and LIGHTING that matches the *Wolf's Den* "deal" from the opening as she continues.

106 **MRS. DAVENPORT**
The only thing I love more than a challenge is this root beer! Both our families' futures are here in Brighton, so let's talk terms. *

Molly, Ollie, and Ruben light up.

EXT. RUBEN'S ROOT BEER PUB - DAY

It's opening day! Ruben's Root Beer Pub is in the old Davenport's storefront. Mrs. Davenport cuts the RIBBON.

107 **RUBEN**

Ruben's Root Beer Pub is officially
open for business!

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Ruben pops a fizzy root beer bottle like champagne.

108 **MRS. DAVENPORT**

To a ROOTful business partnership!

She and Ruben clink bottles. Molly hugs Ollie and Andrea.

109 **MOLLY**

I'm so happy the two of you aren't
leaving. It all worked out. Apart
from the hedgehog playpen. Not
giving up on that yet.

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Scratch floats over holding the LUNCHBOX.

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110 **SCRATCH**

You know what? I've come around on
William. I'm owning it! This
lunchbox belongs to me, William!

He waves the lunchbox, and the APOSTROPHE falls off,
transforming "William's" to "Williams."

111 **SCRATCH** (CONT'D)

What the--

Scratch tastes the "apostrophe."

112 **SCRATCH** (CONT'D)

This isn't an apostrophe-- it's
dried peanut butter! This says
Williams! With an S!

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113 **MOLLY**

It's a last name! Scratch Williams!
Has a nice ring to it!

114 **SCRATCH**

Honestly: *PHEW!* I was trying to
sell myself on that first name, but
my heart wasn't in it. Back to
Scratch! False alarm everyone!

THE END.